

INFORMATION
OF
SPECIAL INTEREST
OR
IMPORTANCE
TO
MARINERS

NM 34/04

HYDROGRAM

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SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS
NEW PRODUCTS
OR SERVICES
IMPORTANT
CHANGES

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NOTICE TO MARINERS VIA E-MAIL

THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (NGA) NOW PROVIDES A SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE PERMITTING CUSTOMERS TO RECEIVE THE NOTICE TO MARINERS WEEKLY VIA E-MAIL. SEE SECTION III.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NOTICE TO MARINERS CHANGE IN DISTRIBUTION

THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (NGA) IS TRANSITIONING FROM PRODUCING AND DISTRIBUTING HARD COPY NAUTICAL SAFETY PRODUCTS TO DIGITAL DISSEMINATION. EFFECTIVE WITH US NOTICE TO MARINERS NUMBER 1, 2005, NGA WILL NO LONGER DISTRIBUTE HARD COPY VERSIONS OF THE WEEKLY NOTICE TO MARINERS AND WILL MAKE THEM AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE VIA THE INTERNET. SEE SECTION III.

ARCTIC MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION (AMSI) DATABASE ESTABLISHED

A DATABASE FOR REPORTING AND SHARING INFORMATION ON MARITIME HAZARDS TO BOTH SURFACE SHIPS AND SUBMARINES (MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL) IN THE INTERNATIONAL WATERS OF THE ARCTIC OCEAN AND ADJACENT NORTHERN SEAS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. SEE SECTION III.

REPORTING INFORMATION FOR THE DIGITAL NAUTICAL CHART (DNC)

THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (NGA) HAS IMPLEMENTED FORMAL PROCEDURES FOR RECEIVING CUSTOMER FEEDBACK OR DISCREPANCY INFORMATION ON THE DIGITAL NAUTICAL CHART. AUTHORIZED USERS OF DNC ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT ANY SAFETY OF NAVIGATION RELATED DISCREPANCY CONCERNING DNC TO NGA'S 24-HOUR WORLD-WIDE NAVIGATIONAL WARNING SERVICE BROADCAST DESK. SEE SECTION III.